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**How To Comply with the Worker Protection Standard
for Agricultural Pesticides: What Employers Need to Know
The Importance of this Manual**

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MANUAL

Regulatory agencies will enforce the requirements of the federal Worker Protection Standard (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Part 170) when you use a pesticide product with labeling that refers to the Worker Protection Standard. If you do not comply with the Worker Protection Standard requirements, you will be in violation of federal law, since it is illegal to use a pesticide product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. This manual provides information to help you comply with the requirements of the federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides, 40 CFR part 170, as published in 1992 and as amended in 1995, 1996, and 2004. EPA may issue additional guidance about the Worker Protection Standard and the Worker Protection Standard may be amended in the future. Check with your state or tribal agency responsible for pesticides for further information and updates.

This 2005 updated *Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides — How To Comply Manual*, EPA 735-B-05-002 supersedes the 1993 version, EPA 735-B-93-001. Changes to the Worker Protection Standard have made the 1993 version obsolete and its continued use may lead an employer to be out of compliance with this regulation.

Additional Worker Protection Requirements in Your Area

Some states, tribes, or local governments with jurisdiction over pesticide enforcement may have additional worker protection requirements beyond the requirements described in the federal manual. Check with these agencies to obtain the information you need to comply with all applicable state, tribal, or local requirements.

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Material Appended to the Manual

States, tribes, or local governments with jurisdiction over pesticide enforcement may elect to append additional worker protection requirements to the federal manual. These additions may only be appended at the end of the federal manual, after the index. Any additional material should be clearly identified as state, tribal, or local requirements.